



The last key! Look for a place that doesn't fit quite  
With the rest. It's the most modern building in sight.  
Although it wasn't here when the battle was fought,  
Here is where this great story is preserved and taught.

This building is emblazoned with an arrowhead,  
A symbol that says this place has importance that's spread.  
You'll find this symbol nationwide near many special places:  
A huge statue, a grand canyon, and a mountain with faces.

It's important to remember our great stories  
Because they are who we are, our inventories.  
This symbol points out where history is centered!  
Who protects these places so these tales are remembered?

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You've done it! You're all finished! A fine  
job, dear friend!  
Your Quest is completed; you have come  
to the end.

On this trek you have learned the battle's ins and outs,  
And explored the camps by many different routes.

Now you understand better what happened that day  
When two warring armies met in the cold and gray  
To settle scores. Yes, this was the final insult  
Before old foes become friends;  
peace is the result.

In 1815, the way the world saw us changed.  
After fighting stopped, and peace treaties were exchanged,  
Though many thought the U.S. would lie down and die,  
We emerged yet stronger, with our chins held up high.

It changed the way we saw us. Across the nation  
It helped us understand that despite our location,  
Despite our differences, our beliefs, or whether  
Old or young. Love for this country binds us together.

The fighters that day came in all shapes and sizes,  
All colors, all cultures, and of different guises,  
They had different reasons for coming to the brawl,  
But had one important thing in common. They were all:

Bring this password back to  
the St. Bernard Parish  
Visitor Information Center  
(where you parked your car),  
and you will receive a special  
prize!



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# Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve presents: The Battle of New Orleans Quest



*This Quest is a fun activity for families to help learn more about the Battle of New Orleans. It will take you to  
eight different stops, all of which have a keyword to find. Once you find all eight keywords, a hidden password  
will be revealed. Bring this password back to the St. Bernard Parish Visitor Information Center  
(where your car is parked) and receive a special prize!*

It was 2013 when you woke up today  
And came to Chalmette. We really hope you will stay  
To explore this hallowed field, so big and so green,  
And go back 200 years in our time machine.

It is now 1815, and everything's new.  
(Well, by new, we mean old) For it's completely true  
That although the field where you are is still the same,  
A great battle is brewing, and it's not a game.

All from New Orleans here to defend the city,  
Outnumbered, untrained, it won't be very pretty.  
Around you are people with great hopes and great fears,  
Explore with your feet and your eyes and your ears.

How would they have felt, these children, women and  
men?  
Brave? Excited? Afraid? For they didn't know then  
That they would triumph. Into this story we delve,  
The last great battle of the War of 1812.

To start your journey, find a marker, big and  
grand,  
Reminding Americans all over this land  
What it means to be us was defined at this spot,  
For right here the Battle of New Orleans was  
fought.

The monument looks like an Egyptian tower,  
Telling the world of American power.  
Citizens of all backgrounds sprang into action,  
Led by the Major General Andrew Jackson.

This great marker was built to preserve this story  
To celebrate who fought together in glory.  
First they laid the cornerstone. What year was  
that done?  
Divide that by 80, and your first key is won:

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At the monument's top step, find an old green door  
And with your back to it (if you're ready for more),  
Look for a group of white tents and make sure you note:  
You're looking for some people wearing blood-red coats.

To get to them, follow a brown path though the grass,  
Civilian women from New Orleans you will pass.  
Explore their camp, set up so very far from home,  
And look for clues on where they came from while you roam.

This army once protected us, but in this war  
They are our enemy. And although there were more  
Of them at the battle than there was us, in sum:  
It was not enough. From which country did they come?

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You're halfway done with the Quest! Are you having fun?  
Walk back toward the monument, and you're closer to done.  
Since now you have seen the invading British group,  
It's time to meet the American defense troops.

You're looking for men with blue coats, and tall black hats  
Topped with a white puff ("pom-pom" is what to call that).  
These trained soldiers came from all over the U.S.  
To save the city of New Orleans from distress.

They're among the few trained soldiers fighting that day  
And with their expertise, kept the British at bay.  
Together they all fought brilliantly:  
The United States 7<sup>th</sup>

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The house's front door might be a surprise.  
On the side near the levee it greets your eyes.  
But if you think hard, you can figure out why  
The door is on the side where the river flows by.

Out that door, find a sign about the family Chalmet,  
Who owned this plantation on the battle day.  
Slaves forced to work these fields would haul and plant and chop  
The goods that grew all over here. What was this crop?

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Keep walking away from the monument so tall  
Your next key is found at the edge of the sprawl.  
These men were among those who volunteered to fight:  
Tennesseans, Choctaw, and free men of color come in sight.

Unlike the army, this group was mostly untrained.  
They practiced in spare time to prepare for the strain.  
Local women aided these citizen-soldiers  
As medics, cooks, servers and fireplace stokers.

Although of different backgrounds, and although not pros,  
With families and stores and farms with plants to go grow,  
They still fought through weather, cold and stormy.  
What's the term that defines a volunteer army?

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Nearby, find a house with white columns and pink walls.  
Do you find burn marks or bullet holes in its halls?  
But no, it looks just like new! Well, what could that mean?  
This house wasn't here in the year 1815.

This summer cottage was built upon hallowed ground  
Since this famous site drew people from all around.  
Take the number of all columns, add to that three,  
And write that number below; you've found the next key.

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You're on the home stretch! We're almost ready to part.  
Make a U-turn and head where this Quest you did start.  
Look for cannon, and surrounding it a few  
Wearing boots and bandanas: a pirate crew!

Jean Lafitte's pirates don't have the greatest record.  
They stole and they smuggled (their past is quite checkered),  
They drank and they cursed and they sold slaves as chattel,  
And yet they were key to winning this battle.

They were experienced and trained, and brought the flint  
That made the cannons BOOM! (Without this, they didn't.)  
Many would consider these rogues barbarians,  
But they would like you to call them :

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